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Title: TV OBSERVATION SYSTEM FOR ENDOSCOPES
INCLUDING A LIGHT SOURCE UNIT HAVING LEDS (As Amended)

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplemental to the Amendment filed February 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 48 and 49 as follows:

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48. (Amended) A TV observation system for an endoscope comprising:
an endoscope; and
a small-sized light source unit,
wherein said endoscope is structurally separated into an insertion part and a proximal holding part continuously extending from said insertion part,
wherein said endoscope comprises a light guide arranged from a distal end of said insertion part through said proximal holding part,
wherein said proximal holding part is provided with a light guide joint section where an entrance end face of said light guide is fixed,
wherein said small-sized light source unit comprises at least two of a shortened light guide cable, a plurality of LEDs, a compounding optical system configured to compound light emitted by said plurality of LEDs and a power supply, and

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